mouth of Daitmouth All the Newfoundland men are like to be taken by them if they be not speedily driven from the coast, for the Newfoundland fleet is expected at the beginning of August, above 100 sail If these are lost it will be the greatest blow ever given to England

PLAYS OF THE WEEK

At the Rose this last week *Cutlack, Ike Massacre at Pans, The Ranger\s Comedy, Phihpo and H^ppol^to, The Second Part of Godfrey of Bulloigne,*

21 st July CAPTAIN DAWTRY'S OFFER TO LEAD AN IRISH REGIMENT

A certain Captain Dawtry, one on whom an Irish pension has been conferred, hath written to Sir Robert Cecil asking to be entrusted to fetch a regiment of 1500 or 2000 trained soldiers of Irish birth out of Ireland to serve the Queen in the expedition to Brittany, which will bring commodity to her and her whole dominions She will leave at home, saith he, many of her people of England to reserve their lives until further necessity She will disarm her ill disposed subjects of Ireland whose unnatural mutinies and rebellions are supported by these trained soldiers They will win more spoil on the enemy than thrice as many soldiers of any other nation, for there are no better soldiers on earth than they, either for the use of their weapons or the strength of their bodies and minds, being such seasoned men of war that they can endure all fortunes, and keep their health when others with a little extremity will lie by the wall Lastly, if they live, the Queen is like to be well served by them , if they die, she will be better served, for it is a pity they should ever go back again into their own country so long as she

hath any employment for soldiers If he may have this charge
and lay down his opinion of the Captains, he will answer for
their true and faithful behaviour

25 fi *July* THE EARL OF ESSEX NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO BREST

The expedition to Brest being finally resolved, the Earl of
Essex is eager to go, but the Queen using very gentle words to
him says that his desire to be in action and give further proof of
his valour and prowess is to be liked and highly commended ,